

To: B.C.D.C. Commissioners
From: Dana Dillworth
RE: 3000-3500 Marina Boulevard, Sierra Point, Brisbane
Application 20019.001.00
For Meeting : September 19, 2019

Dear Chair and Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on a matter of future Public Open Space in Sierra Point and observe a building designed with sea level rise in mind. Thank you for ensuring the connectivity of the Bay Trail. And, I agree with your staff and question, is this plan fair to your mission: the wildlife's need and Public's right to an unobstructed waterfront?

I have walked dogs and the enjoyed Sierra and Oyster Point waterfronts since 1988. I often walk at night and have observed ray and leopard shark mating, schools of young fry, Great Blue and night fishing heron, owls hoot across the southern channel, pelican trolling, and spectacular 4th of July displays. I am a high school ceramics teacher and will scoop up a small bucket of clay to educate my students how to look at the geologic changes at the tideline and iron in the clay. As creatures escape, biology classes get to observe the living clay.

If you haven't been out here, please visit this glorious environment before you approve its fate. It is vital you let this small area flourish.

I am asking you to vote no on this proposal. You are a participant of an incremental taking (privatization) of the Public's open space. When this was under RDA authority, a plan was hashed out to take the Public's parking and waterfront, without Public Trust stakeholders present. It was never consummated with proper environmental review or a legislative vote, just "received" by the City. This size and scale was never considered for this area of land.

The prior approved plan required an open, low-rise parking structure along the tidal channel with an intent of environmental sensitivity. The buildings were closer to the streets. With the combination of sea level rise, podium parking, and now taller buildings, the new plan before you will block the sun in the western slough, particularly in the winter for most of the day.

You need to know how people use this waterfront and what's being taken away. It is not just for strolling. We have RC plane meets, quadcopter trials, bike racing, kite-flying, and parent's teaching their kids to ride bikes or roller skate. Imagine the public doing this in the enclosed dawn-to-dusk proposed landswap.

Please improve this waterfront by requiring substantial setbacks (CA EPA Guideline stream setbacks (5x the width of the stream) AND upland habitat requirements,) not minimal. Daytime parking for the Public. Fix the broken water fountain and supply an obvious, ground-level bathroom to the public. Bollards are good, but signage to prevent bikes on the beach should be required.

The Public and environment needs more open space than a linear 18-foot minimum path. I can attest that the public does not feel welcome in these so-called public space courtyards except to use their garbage cans. This is not a fair swap.

Please do not confuse "dawn to dusk" corporate elevated lawns and diesel-fumed parking lots with Public Open Space and habit. Please ask for a more sensitive design of this project. Thank you.



Current Conditions at North West Sierra Point





Current Conditions at the Southern Edge of Sierra Point





Uses at Sierra Point





Hunting for Ground Squirrels
And Swimming and Rolling in "It"





Who Needs This Area the Most







**The Cove, Oyster Point Before Construction
is now dangerous as trucks double-park along the waterfront.**

**Please Do Not Swap
Our Waterfront
For Just a Few
Parking Spots and a Bench**